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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 154</b> [2003 Senate Bill 470]	<b>Practice of Physical Therapist Assistants</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

Under current law, beginning April 1, 2004, a person may not use the title “physical therapist assistant” unless he or she has a license as a physical therapist assistant that is granted by the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board.

2003 Wisconsin Act 154 specifies that a person who is licensed as a physical therapist assistant may assist a physical therapist licensed by the board in the practice of physical therapy if the physical therapist provides direct or general supervision of the physical therapist assistant. The Act requires the board to promulgate rules that define what constitutes direct or general supervision. In addition, the Act specifies that its provisions do not interfere with certain other delegations to physical therapist assistants, such as delegations by physicians.

**Effective Date:** 2003 Wisconsin Act 154 takes effect on March 30, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,  
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.